

District Judge Ricardo S. Martinez

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

JOYCE NAKABUYE,

Plaintiff,

v.

ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 2:23-cv-372-RSM

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD  
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND ORDER

Noted for Consideration:  
April 21, 2023

Plaintiffs brought this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) adjudicate Plaintiff’s Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal. Defendants’ response to the Complaint is currently due on May 19, 2023. The parties are currently working towards a resolution to this litigation. For good cause, the parties request that the Court to hold the case in abeyance until July 18, 2023.

Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for

counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 1.

With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial intervention. USCIS scheduled Plaintiff’s asylum interview for May 22, 2023. After the interview, USCIS will need time to adjudicate her asylum application. Once the application is adjudicated, the parties agree that this case will be moot. Accordingly, the parties request a 60-day abeyance to allow USCIS to conduct Plaintiff’s interview and process her asylum application.

As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold the case in abeyance until July 18, 2023. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before July 18, 2023.

Dated: April 21, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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**ORDER**

The case is held in abeyance until July 18, 2023. The parties shall submit a joint status report on or before July 18, 2023. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.



RICARDO S. MARTINEZ  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE